percentage of senior citizens is increasing. Percentage of population aged 65 years and above in 1971 was 3.34 and this has been project to increase to 4.51% in 2000. Office of the Registrar General, India gives the expectation of life at birth and also at ages 60, 65 and 70 + for India for different time periods for which life tables are available for India and bigger States. Available figures reveals that life expectancy has increased significantly.

(c) There is no specific scheme for senior citizens. However, various disease control programmes cover senior citizens as well. Due emphasis is also being given to control of non-communicable diseases like Cancer, Diabetes etc. which are more common in the elderly. So far as the Central Government hospitals are concerned, the senior citizens are provided medical facilities on priority besides separate queue and separate counter to supply medicines.

(d) to (0 Do not arise.

CGHS Dispensary in Srinivas Puri

3717. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the areas of Okhla Village, Haji colony, Jamia Nagar, Zakin Nagar, Batla House, Khizrabad, Noor Nagar, Okhla Vihar, Abul Fazal Enclave, Johri Farm, Bharat Nagar, Julena, Taimur Nagar, New Friends Colony, Maharani Bagh and Sukhdev Vihar are covered by the CGHS dispensary at Srinivas Puri, New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that around 10,000 Government employees are residing in the above mentioned areas;

(c) whether the above mentioned areas are 4 to 8 kms. away from the said dispensary; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to open a separate CGHS dispensary for the above mentioned areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 7,667 CGHS cards attached with the CGHS dispensary at Srinivaspuri at present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Although there is a proposal to start another dispensary at Sarita Vihar yet due to financial constraints and non- implementation of SIU Report, it is not feasible to open any new dispensary at present.

Incentives and Disincentives Under New Population Policy

3718. DR. ALLADIP RAJKUMAR:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to bring pressure to bear on the State-wise high population growth, Govenment have decided not to increase the number of representatives of Legislative and parliamentary constituencies for the next 25 years by way of delimitation of constituencies; and

(b) if so, what other incentives and disincentives are contemplated under the New Population Policy in the next century to bring about early stabilization of population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (b) The National Population Policy, 2000 has recommended that the 42nd Constitution Amendment, which freezes the number of seats to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, till 2001 (based on the 1971 Census), be extended upto 2026, as a motivational measures, in order to enable the State Government to pursue fearlessly the agenda for population stabilisation contained in the NPP, 2000.

The Policy envisages a number of promotional and motivational measures like reward to Panchayats and Zila Parishads, continuation of the Balika Samridhi Yojana, Maternity Benefit Scheme, Health Insurance Plan, reward to couple below the poverty line, etc.

Infant Mortality Rate

3719. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:
DR. ALLADI P.RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: